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1958-59 COFFEE CROP
ESTIMATE UP SLIGHTLY

The third (December) estimate of the 1958-59 total coffee crop is now placed at 59.1 million bags, with exportable production estimated at 52.1 million bags. This would be a record total production, with exportable about 15 percent above the 1957-58 crop. Weather has continued favorable in almost all of the major producing countries, and bumper crops are expected in many areas.

North American total production is now estimated at 8.7 million bags with 6.9 million bags an exportable.

The total coffee crop in Costa Rica has been increased to record levels in recent years by greater fertilization, more use of insecticides and increased plantings. Cuba is attempting to increase its coffee production and exports, and indications are that the 1958-59 crop will be up significantly from the 1957-58 level, despite the fact that the major coffee producing area of Cuba is in the Sierra Maestra Mountain region of Oriente Province where rebel forces are most active.

The 1958-59 coffee crop estimates for the Dominican Republic and Haiti are below 1957-58. This is the "off-year" for coffee in these countries; however, the quality is often improved when the crop is small as more care can be taken in handling and processing.

In El Salvador the 1958-59 crop is expected to be somewhat larger than in 1957-58. Guatemala had a record production in 1957-58, and the 1958-59 crop may be almost as large. Observers in Honduras have indicated that the 1958-59 crop matured under very favorable conditions, and greater in production is expected than in 1957-58.

Mexico's 1958-59 coffee crop is about a month late, but the total harvest is expected to be somewhat above 1957-58. Production in the State of Chiapas is expected to be reduced by storm damage, but this decline is expected to be offset by an increase in Veracruz, where weather has been particularly favorable.

The 1958-59 coffee crop in Nicaragua is estimated at the same level as in 1957-58. Increased yields are expected to offset rain damage to the northern area crop. Production of coffee in Panama continues to increase, and total production for 1958-59 is estimated at 50,000 bags, with 10,000 bags exportable.

South America's 1958-59 coffee crop is now estimated at 38.2 million bags, with an exportable production of 34.4 million bags. This compares to a total of 33.4 million bags in 1957-58 with an exportable crop of 28.5 million bags.

GREEN COFFEE: World total production for the marketing year 1958-59 with comparisons 1/

Continent and country	Average 1950/51- 1954/55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	3rd estimate 1958-59
	1,000 bags 2/	1,000 bags 2/	1,000 bags 2/	1,000 bags 2/	1,000 bags 2/
North America:					
Costa Rica	439	421	600	750	825
Cuba	542	906	610	725	850
Dominican Republic	455	610	475	650	475
El Salvador	1,216	1,250	1,500	1,380	1,500
Guatemala	1,129	1,117	1,250	1,350	1,300
Haiti	642	735	465	700	600
Honduras	212	287	325	350	400
Mexico	1,373	1,440	1,600	1,840	1,900
Nicaragua	362	405	375	425	425
Other North America 3/.....	470	652	500	425	440
Total North America	6,840	7,823	7,700	8,595	8,715
South America:					
Brazil	18,964	23,500	18,000	24,000	29,000
Colombia	6,330	6,800	6,500	7,800	7,500
Ecuador	347	375	535	500	550
Peru	146	180	250	275	275
Venezuela	729	650	800	750	800
Other South America 4/.....	55	70	55	55	55
Total South America	26,571	31,575	26,140	33,380	38,180
Africa:					
Angola	990	1,316	1,350	1,265	1,350
Belgian Congo	613	885	950	1,115	1,250
Cameroun	180	291	300	365	425
Ethiopia	613	900	865	800	875
French West Africa	1,342	1,975	1,935	1,885	2,000
Kenya	223	467	365	375	400
Madagascar	634	910	950	950	900
Republic of Guinea 5/.....	-	-	-	-	200
Tanganyika	281	343	340	385	385
Togo	56	101	110	100	100
Uganda	754	1,300	1,375	1,300	1,400
Other Africa 6/.....	201	261	300	310	310
Total Africa	5,887	8,749	8,840	8,850	9,595
Asia and Oceania:					
India	387	566	685	735	700
Indonesia	985	1,190	1,550	1,500	1,500
Yemen	70	85	90	90	90
Other Asia and Oceania 7/.....	275	360	300	295	315
Total Asia and Oceania	1,717	2,201	2,625	2,620	2,605
Total world production	41,015	50,348	45,305	53,445	59,095

1/ The coffee marketing season begins during the second half of the calendar year, starting in some countries like Brazil as early as July 1 and in other countries about October 1. 2/ 132,276 pounds each.

3/ Includes Guadeloupe, Hawaii, Jamaica, Martinique, Panama, Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago.

4/ Includes Bolivia, British Guiana, Paraguay, and Surinam. 5/ Prior to 1958-59 included in French West Africa. 6/ Exportable production only. Includes Cape Verde, Ghana, French Equatorial Africa, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, and Spanish Guinea. 7/ Includes Malaya, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, North Borneo, Philippines, Portuguese Timor, and Vietnam.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Official publications of foreign governments, other foreign source material, reports of Agricultural Attaches and other U. S. representatives abroad, and other information.

GREEN COFFEE: World exportable production for the marketing year 1958-59 with comparisons ^{1/}

Continent and country	Average 1950/51- 1954/55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	3rd estimate 1958-59
	1,000 bags ^{2/}	1,000 bags ^{2/}	1,000 bags ^{2/}	1,000 bags ^{2/}	1,000 bags ^{2/}
North America:					
Costa Rica	378	364	587	685	760
Cuba	49	^{3/} 317	^{3/} 208	250	335
Dominican Republic	372	520	300	525	350
El Salvador	1,087	1,105	1,400	1,280	1,400
Guatemala	905	917	1,050	1,150	1,100
Haiti	443	535	290	550	450
Honduras	167	227	240	265	315
Mexico	1,141	1,240	1,315	1,540	1,550
Nicaragua	313	350	340	380	380
Other North America ^{4/}	72	204	100	280	295
Total North America	4,927	5,779	5,830	6,905	6,935
South America:					
Brazil	14,730	21,300	11,700	20,350	26,500
Colombia	5,632	6,100	5,750	7,000	6,700
Ecuador	308	326	495	450	500
Peru	68	130	140	185	185
Venezuela	488	375	500	450	500
Other South America ^{5/}	52	55	40	40	40
Total South America	21,278	28,286	18,625	28,475	34,425
Africa:					
Angola	1,019	1,306	1,340	1,255	1,340
Belgian Congo	595	852	915	1,080	1,215
Cameroun	182	291	290	355	415
Ethiopia	544	833	765	700	775
French West Africa	1,257	1,890	1,850	1,800	1,920
Kenya	214	457	340	350	375
Madagascar	569	884	850	825	775
Republic of Guinea ^{6/}	-	-	-	-	200
Tanganyika	274	333	330	375	375
Togo	57	101	110	100	100
Uganda	744	1,187	1,305	1,240	1,330
Other Africa ^{7/}	201	261	300	310	310
Total Africa	5,656	8,395	8,395	8,390	9,130
Asia and Oceania:					
India	93	^{3/} 137	^{3/} 252	195	150
Indonesia	504	875	1,350	1,300	1,300
Yemen	60	70	75	80	80
Other Asia and Oceania ^{8/}	71	75	60	60	60
Total Asia and Oceania	728	1,157	1,737	1,635	1,590
World exportable production	32,589	43,617	34,587	45,405	52,080

^{1/} The coffee marketing season begins during the second half of the calendar year, starting in some countries like Brazil as early as July 1 and in other countries about October 1. Exportable production represents total production minus consumption, except in Brazil where it is based upon "registrations" of current crop coffee minus port consumption and coast wise shipments. ^{2/} 132.276 pounds each.

^{3/} Export quotas. ^{4/} Includes Guadeloupe, Hawaii, Jamaica, Panama, Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago.

^{5/} Includes Bolivia, British Guiana, Paraguay and Surinam. ^{6/} Prior to 1958-59 included in French West Africa. ^{7/} Includes Cape Verde, Ghana, French Equatorial Africa, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, and Spanish Guinea. ^{8/} Includes New Caledonia, New Hebrides and Portuguese Timor.

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Brazil is expected to have a 1958-59 exportable coffee crop of 26.5 million bags. Weather was favorable for harvest, and the only obstacle to production was scattered insect damage. The crop is moving to market rather slowly this year, especially in the State of Parana.

Colombia's coffee production for 1958-59 is currently estimated at 7.5 million bags, with an exportable production of 6.7 million bags. Higher yields from increased fertilization are expected to largely offset drought damage in some of the producing areas. The total 1957-58 crop is now placed at 7.8 million bags, with an exportable crop of 7.0 million bags. Slight 1958-59 increases are still expected for both Ecuador and Venezuela.

The 1958-59 coffee crop in Africa is now estimated at 9.6 million bags, with an exportable supply of 9.1 million bags, compared with 8.8 and 8.4 million bags for 1957-58.

Some production increases are expected this year for Angola, Belgian Congo, Cameroun, and Ethiopia. If the crops are as expected in the Belgian Congo and Cameroun a record would be established for each country. Practically all of the increase expected for the Belgian Congo will be of the robusta type. Total coffee production for French West Africa during 1958-59 is estimated at 2.0 million bags and the coffee crop in the Republic of Guinea--reported for the first time--is estimated at 200,000 bags. Dry weather in the Ivory Coast apparently has not hurt the crop as much as had been expected.

A slight increase in production is expected in Kenya in 1958-59, while Tanganyika's output is reported to be about the same as in 1957-58. Total production of coffee in Uganda is estimated to be 1.4 million bags. Drought damage to the 1957-58 crop was not as extensive as previously thought, and the total production is now put at 1.3 million bags.

Total 1958-59 coffee production for Asia and Oceania is estimated to be about the same as last year. Increased native production in Indonesia is expected to offset decreases in estate production. The Philippine Republic is expected to continue to increase its production this year, and may attain self-sufficiency in a few years.

WORLD COTTON TRADE TO DECLINE FOR SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR

World trade in cotton in the 1958-59 season is expected to total about 13.0 million bales (500 pounds gross weight), down more than 1.0 million bales from 1957-58, and 3.0 million bales below the postwar high of 16.0 million bales in 1956-57. The expected drop in world trade this season reflects lower consumption in foreign importing countries, large inventories of textile goods, and increased world supplies of cotton in 1958-59 and possibly again next season.

-Cotton: World exports by country of origin, 1951-57

(Bales of 500 pounds gross weight)

Country of origin	Year beginning August 1						
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 1/
	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales
NORTH AMERICA:							
Mexico.....	972	992	951	1,253	2,027	1,310	1,417
United States.....	5,711	3,181	3,914	3,585	2,320	7,917	5,959
Others.....	35	135	174	177	423	294	331
Total.....	6,718	4,308	5,039	5,015	4,770	9,521	7,707
ASIA:							
India.....	123	292	103	207	552	252	227
Iran.....	35	117	164	204	177	180	200
Iraq.....	19	8	3	11	19	13	29
Pakistan.....	903	1,273	893	634	723	506	383
Syria.....	169	182	183	330	366	374	418
Turkey.....	261	433	377	233	142	224	134
Others 2/.....	112	138	168	156	234	137	118
Total.....	1,622	2,443	1,891	1,775	2,213	1,686	1,509
SOUTH AMERICA:							
Argentina.....	5	271	157	103	2	51	5
Brazil.....	347	145	1,400	1,036	810	380	215
Paraguay.....	49	43	57	45	40	35	33
Peru.....	307	398	361	330	487	390	402
Others.....	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Total.....	708	862	1,979	1,514	1,339	856	655
AFRICA:							
Angola.....	20	31	23	31	31	30	29
Belgian Congo.....	187	212	199	177	209	207	150
British East Africa 3/...	340	445	350	384	414	381	430
Egypt.....	908	1,727	1,485	1,081	1,433	924	1,256
French Equatorial Africa..	108	170	98	158	160	207	179
French West Africa.....	15	13	4	24	30	40	39
Mozambique.....	140	148	180	144	130	94	150
Nigeria.....	45	99	137	140	159	114	167
Sudan.....	398	267	413	298	559	333	391
Others.....	30	54	24	32	23	20	26
Total.....	2,191	3,166	2,913	2,469	3,148	2,350	2,817
Other countries 4/.....	921	926	1,229	1,618	1,580	1,598	1,524
World total.....	12,160	11,705	13,051	12,391	13,050	16,011	14,212

1/ Preliminary and partly estimated.

2/ Mostly Burma.

3/ Includes Nyasaland prior to July 1, 1954.

4/ Mostly U.S.S.R.

Foreign Agricultural Service.

U. S. exports may do well to reach 4.0 million running bales this season. This would be about 30 percent below 1957-58 exports of 5.7 million running bales. Thus, the U. S. share of world trade in cotton may fall to around 30 percent in 1958-59, compared with 42 percent in 1957-58, as foreign non-Communist producing countries, under pressure of substantially larger exportable surpluses, are moving more cotton into world trade.

The demand for cotton in foreign importing countries is smaller in 1958-59 than in the past 2 seasons, even though prices are lower than a year ago. Cutbacks in consumption and imports and some drawdown in stocks this season are expected in such major importing countries as Japan, the United Kingdom, West Germany, Italy, and others. However, recent reports indicate some strengthening in consumer demand may be expected in the second half of the season.

Foreign non-Communist exporting countries in the aggregate are expected to export about 7.5 million bales in 1958-59, or around 0.7 million bales above a year earlier. This increase reflects larger supplies available for export in these countries as a result of a 0.6 million-bale increase in beginning stocks, and a 1.0 million-bale increase in production, a substantial portion of which is extra-long staple cotton. However, exportable surpluses abroad will increase again this season, mostly in Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan, and India. Most of the increase probably will be in extra-long staple cotton.

Net exports from Non-Communist to Communist countries are expected to total about 1.3 million bales, the same as last season, and 0.6 million bales above 1955-56 and 1956-57. As in 1957-58, Egypt, Syria, Sudan, Pakistan, and several other countries probably will sell or barter substantial quantities of cotton to the Soviet Union, Communist China, and Eastern European countries.

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(A recently published Foreign Agriculture Circular containing more detailed information, including 29 tables, on world cotton trade is available from the Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C.)

WORLD COTTON STOCKS TO INCREASE IN 1958-59

World cotton stocks on August 1, 1958, estimated at 21.5 million bales,^{1/} were 1.6 million bales below a year earlier. However, world stocks are expected to increase to about 22.0 million bales by July 31, 1959, reflecting an expected excess of world production over world consumption during 1958-59. This will reverse the situation during 1956-57 and 1957-58, when relatively high consumption exceeded production by 1.3 and 1.7 million bales, respectively, and resulted in equivalent declines in the world surplus.

COTTON: Estimated world stocks, by principal countries,
July 31, 1958, with comparisons 1/

(In bales of 500 pounds gross)					
Country	Stocks on hand July 31				
	1939	1956	1957	1958	
	<u>bales</u>	<u>bales</u>	<u>bales</u>	<u>bales</u>	
Surplus countries:					
United States <u>2/</u>	13,033	14,529	11,323		8,745
Mexico.....	150	100	105		313
El Salvador.....	<u>3/</u> 2	35	65		95
Nicaragua.....	<u>3/</u> 1	23	62		90
Iran.....	40	32	47		30
Pakistan.....	--	225	215		300
Syria.....	<u>3/</u> 5	7	14		37
Turkey.....	70	180	150		95
Argentina.....	243	520	400		635
Brazil.....	661	650	550		560
Peru.....	200	255	270		290
Belgian Congo.....	150	115	105		115
British East Africa.....	75	47	92		100
Egypt.....	325	285	435		595
French Equatorial Africa.....	15	100	46		50
Sudan.....	107	200	479		309
Others <u>4/</u>	1,058	1,063	1,483		1,589
Total surplus countries..	16,135	18,366	15,841		13,948
Deficit countries:					
Canada.....	56	53	78		79
Belgium.....	150	102	145		130
France.....	700	365	560		340
Germany, West.....	<u>3/</u> 300	245	400		400
Italy.....	250	160	275		260
Netherlands.....	80	78	116		103
Portugal.....	<u>3/</u> 25	36	55		54
Spain.....	50	145	130		90
Sweden.....	60	88	101		110
Switzerland.....	100	79	128		122
United Kingdom.....	1,045	433	600		550
Yugoslavia.....	<u>3/</u> 20	75	64		79
Hong Kong.....	<u>3/</u> 5	50	65		55
India.....	<u>5/</u> 2,165	1,780	1,575		1,900
Japan.....	556	490	585		515
Korea.....	43	23	42		25
Colombia.....	5	51	47		38
Australia.....	20	17	27		21
Others <u>6/</u>	1,435	1,701	1,732		2,004
Total deficit countries..	7,065	5,971	6,725		6,875
Afloat.....	550	400	600		700
World total.....	23,750	24,737	23,166		21,523

1/ Southern Hemisphere estimates include unginned cotton.

2/ Running bales. 3/ Estimates based on production, consumption, and trade data. 4/ Mostly U.S.S.R., Mozambique, and Greece. 5/ Includes Pakistan stocks. 6/ Mostly China and Eastern Europe.

Compiled from official and trade sources.

U. S. stocks on July 31, 1958, totaled 8.7 million bales, 2.6 million below a year ago, and 5.8 million below the record high two years earlier. These reductions resulted primarily from the relatively high level of exports in the past two seasons, and lower production brought about by acreage controls and the Soil Bank Program. Stocks in the U. S. are expected to remain about unchanged this season based on latest estimates of supply and disappearance.

Most of the increase in world stocks this season, is likely to occur in foreign exporting countries because of an increase in total foreign production of more than a million bales over last season and lower offtake by importing countries. Pressure of larger foreign supplies upon a market not yet recovered from a textile recession is being reflected in price declines to extremely low levels, especially for extra-long staples. Most of the stock increase will be in extra-long staple cotton in Egypt, Sudan, and Peru.

Foreign non-Communist importing countries, faced with large inventories of textiles, weaker consumer demand, and larger supplies of cotton this season and possibly next, are likely to reduce their cotton stocks this season. The estimated total of 5.8 million bales (including cotton afloat, in transit, and in free ports) in these countries on July 31, 1958, represented about 36 percent of 1957-58 consumption of 15.9 million bales. Stocks in Communist countries may increase again in 1958-59, in line with the upward trend in production and consumption.

1/ Bales are 500 pounds gross weight, except U. S. cotton is in running bales.

(A Foreign Agricultural Circular containing more information on world cotton stocks is available from the Foreign Agricultural Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.)

RECORD 1958 WORLD BREADGRAIN CROP CONFIRMED

World breadgrain production in 1958 is at an unprecedented level, according to revised estimates by the Foreign Agricultural Service. Production of wheat and rye combined is now placed at 302 million short tons, exceeding the previous record in 1956 by 10 percent. The current estimate is well above the preliminary forecast, mainly because of increases for the Soviet Union. Very large crops are indicated for that area despite unfavorable weather at harvest time in eastern regions.

The large Soviet crop appears likely to offer greater competition for wheat markets than heretofore. A crop of the size estimated would exceed normal domestic consumption. Part, however, may be stockpiled. North America, with its record supplies, will be competing for markets as will Australia and Argentina. The wheat crop now being harvested in those Southern Hemisphere countries is larger than in 1957. This is especially true of Australia where the current production is expected to be more than double the small 1957 outturn.

WHEAT: Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries, year of harvest,
average 1950-54, annual 1956-58 1/

Continent and country	Acreage 2/			Yield per acre 3/			Production		
	Average	1956	1957	Average	1956	1957	Average	1956	1957
	1950-54			1950-54			1950-54		
North America:									
Canada	26,120:	22,781:	21,031:	20,899:	25.2	17.6	537,632:	573,040:	370,508:
Mexico	1,647:	2,315:	2,365:	1,977:	19.7	21.4	21,788:	45,655:	50,560:
United States	63,361:	49,784:	43,664:	53,650:	20.2	21.7	1,094,183:	1,004,272:	947,102:
Estimated total 5/	91,200:	74,970:	67,150:	76,620:	18.1	21.7	1,654,000:	1,624,000:	1,369,000:
Europe:									
Austria	573:	620:	636:	650:	33.8	33.2	16,920:	20,960:	21,090:
Belgium	421:	464:	514:	547:	47.2	53.7	20,278:	21,920:	27,590:
Denmark	195:	164:	158:	180:	59.6	63.5	10,630:	9,770:	10,030:
Finland	377:	328:	280:	313:	22.3	23.2	8,739:	7,300:	6,490:
France	10,916:	7,000:	11,534:	11,389:	32.1	35.3	315,244:	225,000:	407,200:
Germany, West	2,728:	2,830:	3,000:	3,200:	45.1	46.9	110,228:	127,560:	140,630:
Greece	2,400:	2,622:	2,709:	2,735:	16.7	23.4	40,042:	45,730:	63,460:
Ireland	362:	340:	397:	409:	46.8	47.2	13,036:	15,900:	18,740:
Italy	12,085:	12,350:	12,375:	12,300:	25.8	25.1	288,080:	318,980:	310,000:
Luxembourg	45:	38:	—	—	30.7	—	1,382:	1,140:	1,400:
Netherlands	209:	212:	245:	275:	54.4	58.9	11,376:	11,340:	14,430:
Norway	56:	51:	35:	21:	40.2	31.4	1,682:	2,050:	1,100:
Portugal	1,785:	1,942:	2,011:	2,005:	10.6	14.6	23,526:	20,500:	29,280:
Spain	10,470:	10,638:	10,823:	14.8	14.6	16.6	155,000:	155,000:	180,000:
Sweden	896:	980:	823:	698:	35.7	31.7	29,640:	34,950:	26,125:
Switzerland	219:	195:	238:	261:	36.1	44.0	9,080:	7,030:	10,480:
United Kingdom	2,263:	2,293:	2,113:	2,205:	41.8	47.4	94,646:	106,210:	100,165:
Estimated total West Europe 5/	46,010:	43,080:	47,940:	48,110:	25.0	28.6	1,150,000:	1,132,000:	1,369,000:
Bulgaria	3,540:	3,398:	3,370:	—	18.6	21.5	66,000:	57,000:	72,500:
Czechoslovakia	1,840:	1,785:	1,833:	—	28.5	—	52,500:	56,000:	—
Germany, East	1,120:	940:	1,038:	—	34.0	37.6	38,100:	35,900:	39,000:
Hungary	3,400:	3,430:	3,080:	2,943:	21.3	23.2	72,500:	67,800:	71,500:
Poland	3,730:	3,620:	3,568:	3,558:	19.0	23.8	70,800:	78,000:	85,000:
Rumania	6,710:	7,150:	7,340:	—	16.2	18.5	108,750:	90,000:	136,000:
Yugoslavia	—	4,003:	4,868:	4,917:	16.2	23.4	80,000:	64,670:	114,000:
Estimated total East Europe 5/	25,420:	24,500:	25,300:	25,240:	19.3	22.8	490,000:	453,000:	576,000:
Estimated total Europe 5/	71,430:	67,580:	73,240:	73,350:	23.0	26.6	1,640,000:	1,585,000:	1,945,000:
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia) 6/	111,500:	153,000:	170,000:	163,000:	11.1	10.6	1,240,000:	2,000,000:	1,800,000:

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RYE: Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries, year of harvest, average 1950-54, annual 1956-58 1/

Continent and country	Acreage 2/			Yield per acre 3/			Production		
	Average : 1950-54	1956 : acres	1957 : acres	Average : 1950-54	1956 : Bushels	1957 : Bushels	Average : 1950-54	1956 : bushels	1957 : bushels
North America:									
Canada	1,176 :	547 :	551 :	16.7 :	15.7 :	15.5 :	19,687 :	8,584 :	8,539 :
United States	1,619 :	1,623 :	1,671 :	12.8 :	13.0 :	15.9 :	20,779 :	21,155 :	26,528 :
Total	2,795 :	2,170 :	2,222 :	14.5 :	13.7 :	15.8 :	40,466 :	29,739 :	35,067 :
Europe:									
Austria	601 :	528 :	520 :	27.5 :	32.4 :	30.3 :	16,508 :	17,090 :	15,760 :
Belgium	205 :	169 :	162 :	43.1 :	45.7 :	46.2 :	8,832 :	7,730 :	7,480 :
Denmark	323 :	269 :	290 :	38.2 :	42.6 :	42.5 :	12,332 :	11,460 :	12,320 :
Finland	276 :	219 :	211 :	24.3 :	22.2 :	21.5 :	6,694 :	4,870 :	4,535 :
France	1,104 :	917 :	900 :	18.4 :	20.2 :	21.1 :	20.7 :	18,540 :	18,950 :
Germany, West	3,454 :	3,664 :	3,620 :	38.0 :	40.1 :	41.5 :	131,400 :	147,050 :	150,220 :
Greece	156 :	132 :	113 :	13.7 :	14.3 :	17.0 :	2,136 :	1,890 :	1,920 :
Italy	238 :	180 :	175 :	21.7 :	23.3 :	20.7 :	5,160 :	4,200 :	3,620 :
Luxembourg	14 :	11 :	— :	31.4 :	32.7 :	— :	439 :	360 :	— :
Netherlands	428 :	422 :	389 :	43.6 :	45.9 :	46.4 :	18,644 :	19,360 :	18,030 :
Norway	2 :	2 :	1 :	30.0 :	50.0 :	50.0 :	60 :	100 :	50 :
Portugal	652 :	628 :	629 :	11.1 :	10.7 :	12.7 :	7,227 :	6,730 :	7,973 :
Spain	1,526 :	1,500 :	1,408 :	12.7 :	13.4 :	13.8 :	19,390 :	20,080 :	19,490 :
Sweden	312 :	303 :	283 :	33.0 :	34.8 :	32.0 :	10,302 :	10,530 :	9,060 :
Switzerland	38 :	32 :	39 :	40.7 :	42.8 :	41.3 :	1,547 :	1,370 :	1,610 :
United Kingdom	59 :	26 :	24 :	35.1 :	38.5 :	36.9 :	2,072 :	1,000 :	960 :
Estimated total West Europe 5/:	9,390 :	9,000 :	8,780 :	28.0 :	30.3 :	31.1 :	263,000 :	273,000 :	266,000 :
Bulgaria	530 :	355 :	357 :	16.0 :	13.2 :	17.4 :	8,500 :	4,700 :	6,200 :
Czechoslovakia	1,550 :	1,310 :	1,282 :	26.5 :	31.7 :	— :	41,100 :	41,500 :	— :
Germany, East	3,110 :	2,740 :	2,713 :	26.8 :	27.9 :	27.3 :	83,300 :	76,500 :	74,100 :
Hungary	1,275 :	1,100 :	1,040 :	19.4 :	17.7 :	18.5 :	24,700 :	19,500 :	19,200 :
Poland	12,345 :	12,265 :	12,511 :	19.0 :	21.2 :	23.4 :	235,000 :	260,000 :	293,000 :
Romania	500 :	425 :	385 :	16.6 :	12.6 :	15.6 :	8,300 :	5,350 :	6,000 :
Yugoslavia	— :	620 :	633 :	— :	13.1 :	17.4 :	8,500 :	8,100 :	11,000 :
Estimated total East Europe 5/:	19,970 :	18,830 :	18,930 :	20.5 :	22.1 :	23.9 :	410,000 :	417,000 :	452,000 :
Estimated total Europe 5/.....	29,360 :	27,830 :	27,710 :	22.9 :	24.8 :	26.2 :	673,000 :	690,000 :	725,000 :
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia) 6/	54,000 :	45,500 :	45,000 :	12.8 :	13.7 :	13.3 :	690,000 :	625,000 :	600,000 :
Asia:									
Turkey	1,410 :	1,586 :	1,619 :	16.1 :	14.0 :	17.0 :	22,700 :	22,280 :	27,560 :
South America:									
Argentina	2,222 :	3,013 :	2,186 :	11.7 :	11.5 :	11.3 :	26,000 :	34,640 :	24,800 :
Africa:									
Union of South Africa	176 :	— :	— :	4.8 :	— :	— :	845 :	— :	— :
Estimated world total 5/	90,230 :	80,520 :	79,160 :	16.1 :	17.4 :	17.9 :	1,455,000 :	1,405,000 :	1,415,000 :

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World wheat production is now estimated at 8.7 billion bushels, 900 million bushels above the previous record in 1956. New highs were reached in North America and Asia, but the greatest increase was in the Soviet Union. Record yields in the United States accounted for North America's large harvest, since Canada's crop was well below average. Asia's high total is mainly attributed to a record crop in Mainland China.

The current estimate of world rye production in 1958 is 1.47 billion bushels, the largest outturn of any recent year, though somewhat below the level of the prewar period. Rye acreage has been decreasing and is now sharply less than 10 years ago.

Wheat production in North America is at the new high of 1,865 million bushels mainly because of record yields in the United States. U. S. acreage, though above a year ago is well below average. Harvested acreage of 53.6 million acres is 15 percent less than the 1950-54 average. Yields averaged 27.0 bushels per acre compared with 21.7 bushels in 1957 and the 1950-54 average of 17.3 bushels. U. S. production of 1,449 million bushels (November estimate) surpasses the 1947 record by 90 million bushels.

The situation in Canada, in contrast, was one of considerably below-average yields and smaller acreage. The harvest of 369 million was about the same as in 1957 and about a third below the 1950-54 average. The third largest wheat producer of the area, Mexico, had a large crop. Though less than the record harvest last year this is more than double the average for 1950-54.

Wheat production in Europe is now estimated at 1,830 million bushels, 115 million bushels less than the record crop there last year. It is still well above average, however. The total for Western Europe is placed at 1,330 million bushels, sharply above the average of 1,150 million and only moderately below the 1,369-million-bushel record in 1957. France accounts for most of the reduction, with the 1958 crop officially estimated at 350 million bushels compared with last year's record of 407 million. Spain's crop is also down; 162 million bushels compared with 180 million a year ago. Those reductions are partly offset by a substantial gain in Italy's production.

Production of wheat in Eastern Europe is estimated at 500 million bushels, well below the large 1957 harvest but slightly above the 1950-54 average. The greatest reduction is reported for Yugoslavia, where a crop of 88 million bushels is almost a fourth less than the record crop last year. Substantial reductions are also reported for Hungary and Rumania.

Rye production in Europe is estimated at 700 million bushels. Roughly 60 percent of that total is in Eastern Europe where rye production has always been of more importance than in Western Europe. Conditions were favorable in Poland, the largest producer of Europe and the reported crop of 282 million bushels is sharply above average.

The Soviet Union set a new high for wheat production in 1958. An exceptional growing season, after a late start, brought yields well above average. Official estimates of the harvest are not released but available information points to a record crop, possibly around 2.3 billion bushels. A crop of that magnitude was possible because of the good to excellent growing conditions throughout the area. Absence of drought in the large subhumid zone, where some degree of drought is usual, was a favorable circumstance as was also a very low percentage of winterkill. Bad weather at harvest time in the east threatened losses but, apparently, the adoption of the American practice of two-stage harvesting or windrowing and drying before combining reduced losses. Probably the greatest loss was to quality of the grain.

Rye production in the Soviet Union is unofficially estimated at roughly 675 million bushels. Rye acreage has apparently been reduced in recent years; some shift from rye to other grain acreage is believed to have taken place. Yields this year appear to be large for both wheat and rye.

Wheat production is at a new high in Asia because of a record production reported for Mainland China. Most other Asiatic countries report smaller crops than last year. The present estimated total of 1,970 million bushels is 12 percent above the 1950-54 average. Rye is of no importance except in Turkey, where the current crop is below average.

Africa's wheat crop is estimated at 195 million bushels, 10 million above the 1957 production. A substantial increase in Morocco's crop more than offset reductions in most other countries. Rye is of minor significance in the area.

South America is expected to have an above average wheat harvest mainly because of the favorable conditions in Argentina. The harvest now under way in that country is forecast at 225 million bushels compared with 214 million last year and the 1950-54 average of 216 million. The Argentine rye crop is also expected to be up. Unofficial estimates place it about 30 million bushels, as compared with 25 million last year.

Australia's wheat crop is forecast at 210 million bushels compared with 98 million in 1957. Conditions have been unusually good this season and record yields are reported for some areas. Rye is of little importance.

WORLD TOBACCO PRODUCTION SMALLER IN 1958

World tobacco production dropped 4 percent in 1958, registering a decrease for the second consecutive year. Production in 1958 was 8,269 million pounds, down 354 million pounds from the 8,623 million pounds produced in 1957.

An increase of 103 million pounds in the total U.S. production, resulting from larger yields per acre, did not offset drops in other areas of the world. There were major decreases in Argentina, Colombia, France, Greece, Bulgaria, Poland, Yugoslavia, Turkey, India, Indonesia, Algeria, Nigeria, Japan, Rumania, and Pakistan. In addition to the increase in the U. S. crop, other increases were registered, the more important being for Canada, Mexico, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, the Union of South Africa, Italy, South Korea, and the Philippines.

North America: Production in North America was 2,229 million pounds compared with 2,106 million in 1957. The total production in the United States (November estimate) was 1,764 million pounds compared with 1,661 million in 1957. Total production in Canada was estimated at 175 million pounds--about 10 million pounds above the 1957 crop. The U. S. flue-cured production was 105 million pounds above 1957 and Canada's flue-cured crop was 10 million pounds above 1957.

Europe: The total production in Western Europe was 586 million pounds, or 78 million pounds below 1957. Eastern Europe's production was 975 million pounds, down 132 million pounds from a year earlier. The major decreases in Europe were in France, Greece, Bulgaria, Poland, Yugoslavia, and Rumania.

Asia: The total tobacco production for Asia for 1958 is estimated at 3,631 million pounds, down 210 million from the 3,841 million pounds produced in 1957. The greatest decreases were in India, Turkey, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, and Mainland China. Increases were indicated for Syria, South Korea, and the Philippines.

South America: The total production for South America for 1958 is estimated at 473 million pounds compared with 542 million in 1957. Greatest decreases were in Argentina, Colombia, and Venezuela. The only increase was in Chile, where production was up 2 million pounds.

Africa: The 1958 production in Africa is estimated at 359 million pounds compared with 350 million in 1957. The major increases were in Rhodesia and Nyasaland, up 13.5 million pounds, and the Union of South Africa. There were decreases in Algeria, Nigeria, and Madagascar.

LEAF TOBACCO: Estimated acreage, yield and production in specified countries harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

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Continent and Country	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1956	1957	Average	1956	1957	Average	1956	1957
	1950-54 acres	acres	acres	1950-54 Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1950-54 pounds	pounds	pounds
North America:									
Canada.....	109	128	136	1,353	1,274	1,205	1,293	161,940	164,865
Mexico.....	88	73	90	902	900	820	879	66,138	73,634
United States.....	1,690	1,364	1,122	1,088	1,596	1,479	1,621	2,175,556	1,660,553
Puerto Rico.....	36	35	29	861	827	857	897	30,000	24,000
Costa Rica.....	3	3	6	743	893	541	534	2,500	3,205
El Salvador.....	3	3	3	470	530	720	688	1,586	1,964
Guatemala.....	7	7	7	608	486	506	429	3,100	3,250
Honduras.....	14	9	12	507	670	669	712	5,820	7,917
Nicaragua.....	2	3	3	906	808	661	667	2,426	1,984
Panama.....	2	1	1	585	700	700	700	712	701
Cuba.....	145	143	148	149	712	775	782	102,050	115,404
Dominican Republic.....	47	50	55	867	838	831	735	41,897	45,683
Haiti.....	4	3	3	821	3	3	3	1,500	1,500
Jamaica.....	2	2	3	753	700	411	688	750	1,234
Total North America.....	2,152	1,821	1,615	1,590	---	---	---	2,595,975	2,105,935
South America:									
Argentina.....	90	92	112	842	929	835	654	85,479	93,475
Bolivia.....	3	3	3	734	700	700	700	2,100	2,100
Brazil.....	397	459	470	676	689	673	636	316,424	316,426
Chile.....	8	7	7	1,736	1,910	1,768	1,721	13,226	11,388
Colombia.....	50	51	54	986	1,498	1,535	1,082	80,909	82,893
Paraguay.....	18	14	13	952	867	1,017	962	12,125	13,227
Peru.....	8	7	7	935	1,122	1,125	1,100	8,417	8,155
Uruguay.....	1	1	2	1,012	1,360	630	630	1,058	900
Venezuela.....	13	9	7	913	1,190	1,890	1,302	10,238	12,963
Total South America.....	588	643	675	672	---	---	---	529,976	541,527
Europe:									
Austria.....	1	1	1	1,517	1,514	1,906	1,656	1,161	1,649
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	5	3	3	2,102	2,078	2,569	2,463	5,470	6,559
France.....	71	71	68	1,684	1,733	2,060	1,691	123,369	140,695
Germany, West.....	26	26	21	2,230	1,912	2,238	2,150	48,937	47,197
Greece.....	232	291	301	554	621	779	633	180,887	234,589
Italy.....	131	121	126	1,221	1,302	1,355	1,346	157,490	171,121
Spain.....	43	49	49	1,343	1,139	1,138	1,125	55,820	55,777
Sweden.....	1	5	5	1,610	2,125	2,325	2,125	833	930
Switzerland.....	3	3	3	1,760	1,520	1,870	1,865	4,378	5,523
Total West Europe.....	513	565	572	558	---	---	---	578,345	664,040
Other Europe:									
Albania.....	5	5	---	1,000	1,000	---	---	5,000	---
Bulgaria.....	230	222	---	522	522	---	---	117,000	---
Czechoslovakia.....	22	24	---	933	919	---	---	22,760	---
Germany, East.....	17	10	---	972	680	---	---	6,800	---
Hungary.....	55	54	---	848	1,150	---	---	62,046	---
Poland.....	54	82	77	1,254	955	1,489	1,101	78,375	114,639
Rumania.....	81	86	99	520	666	800	678	57,320	79,200
Yugoslavia.....	84	102	139	612	664	1,002	657	67,703	139,595
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia).....	528	463	520	913	1,019	962	962	471,896	500,000
Eastern Europe including U.S.S.R.	1,076	1,048	1,156	1,126	---	---	---	888,900	1,106,559
Total Europe.....	1,589	1,613	1,728	1,704	---	---	---	1,467,245	1,770,599
Total.....	5,829	5,281	5,006	5,000	---	---	---	5,067,245	5,561,260

Oceania: Production in Oceania was 16.2 million pounds compared with 14.1 million in 1957, the increase mainly due to a 2 million pound increase in Australia's crop.

TOBACCO: Estimated world production by kind of tobacco, harvested in calendar year 1958, with comparisons - farm sales weight 1/

Kinds	Average 1950-54	1956	1957 <u>2/</u>	1958 <u>2/</u>
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Flue-cured.....	2,541,616:	3,071,336:	2,711,763:	2,860,371
Burley.....	674,351:	602,428:	599,320:	603,187
Other light air- cured.....	102,670:	94,636:	94,906:	100,096
Oriental and semi- oriental.....	813,278:	999,068:	1,232,627:	1,057,580
Light sun-cured.....	739,809:	823,606:	807,891:	764,082
Dark air-cured.....	1,998,404:	2,005,117:	2,076,852:	1,890,505
Dark sun-cured.....	770,020:	918,146:	940,402:	842,953
Fire-cured.....	142,581:	150,319:	141,287:	133,636
Total.....	3/ 7,811,216:4/	8,677,728:5/	8,623,873:6/	8,269,110

1/ Farm sales weight is about 10 percent above dry weight normally reported in manufacturing and export statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Includes 1,466 thousand pounds for Libya, 4,806 thousand pounds for Israel, 16,520 thousand pounds for East Germany, 1,091 thousand pounds for French Equatorial Africa, and 4,604 thousand pounds for Belgian Congo which are not identified by kinds.

4/ Includes 3,172 thousand pounds for Libya, 3,100 thousand pounds for Israel, 6,800 thousand pounds for East Germany which are not identified by kinds.

5/ Includes 3,000 thousand pounds for Libya, 3,700 thousand pounds for Israel, and 12,125 thousand pounds for East Germany which are not identified by kinds.

6/ Includes 3,000 thousand pounds for Libya, 3,700 thousand pounds for Israel and 10,000 thousand pounds for East Germany which are not identified by kinds.

WORLD POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN

World 1958 potato production is estimated at 3,374.8 million cwt., 150 million cwt. or 4 percent below 1957. The decline is accounted for chiefly by a 5-percent drop in European production. Canada also reports a smaller crop. Other important producer countries are at about the same level as last year, or slightly above.

POTATOES: Acreage and production in specified countries, average 1950-54,
annual 1956-58 1/

Continent and country	ACREAGE				PRODUCTION			
	Average:	1956	1957	1958 <u>2/</u>	Average:	1956	1957	1958 <u>2/</u>
	:1950-54 :				:1950-54 :			
	: <u>1,000</u> : <u>acres</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>acres</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>acres</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>acres</u>	<u>Million</u> <u>cwt.</u>	<u>Million</u> <u>cwt.</u>	<u>Million</u> <u>cwt.</u>	<u>Million</u> <u>cwt.</u>
North America:								
Canada.....	344	312	312	311	39.1	42.3	44.1	39.4
Cuba.....	25	20	20	20	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.6
Mexico.....	76	91	91	91	3.1	4.0	3.9	4.0
United States.....	1,473	1,386	1,383	1,452	220.4	243.7	239.5	260.6
Total.....	1,918	1,809	1,806	1,874	264.7	292.3	289.8	306.6
Europe:								
Austria.....	445	447	446	439	60.8	71.2	88.9	73.7
Belgium-Luxembourg..	237	228	219	<u>3/</u> 195	51.6	47.5	48.0	<u>3/</u> 46.0
Denmark.....	259	236	216	205	44.1	47.2	39.3	34.8
Finland.....	226	240	234	213	29.0	37.3	27.7	30.5
France.....	2,661	2,617	2,446	2,454	317.2	400.6	329.3	293.3
Germany, Wn.	2,865	2,803	2,766	2,607	564.6	589.9	579.6	499.6
Greece.....	94	96	99	98	9.3	9.8	10.4	9.7
Ireland.....	314	283	264	261	59.4	58.4	51.9	44.8
Italy.....	964	956	955	954	62.8	75.3	69.6	79.8
Netherlands.....	381	355	355	355	89.7	70.9	82.5	81.4
Norway.....	141	144	136	131	25.1	30.7	22.3	26.3
Portugal.....	221	220	222	191	25.1	24.3	26.4	23.2
Spain.....	878	900	914	927	78.5	95.0	97.0	99.0
Sweden.....	320	311	295	281	37.5	45.8	33.0	31.8
Switzerland.....	140	146	140	140	26.3	34.6	33.1	35.0
United Kingdom.....	1,041	921	811	823	184.7	168.7	127.8	124.6
Total.....	11,187	10,903	10,518	10,274	1,665.7	1,807.2	1,666.8	1,533.5
Poland.....	6,449	6,716	6,832	6,672	698.3	837.7	774.3	760.6
Yugoslavia.....	597	662	704	618	34.0	48.3	73.0	54.7
Other Europe.....	4,912	4,739	4,880	* 4,880	540.9	594.1	592.6	* 589.6
Total Europe <u>4/</u> ..	23,145	23,020	22,934	22,444	2,938.9	3,287.3	3,106.7	2,938.4
Asia:								
Japan.....	491	514	517	511	55.7	60.6	74.6	75.0
South America:								
Argentina.....	503	542	545	483	29.4	34.1	28.9	30.3
Brazil.....	391	458	444	444	17.0	22.1	22.0	22.0
Venezuela.....	10	17	33	33	.6	1.4	2.3	2.5
Grand Total.....	26,458	26,360	26,279	25,789	3,306.3	3,697.8	3,524.3	3,374.8

1/ Years shown refer to year of harvest in the Northern Hemisphere and include the harvest immediately following in the Southern Hemisphere. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Belgium only.

4/ Excluding USSR.

* Estimated

Per-acre yields of potatoes are steadily increasing in most important producing countries. Trends in recent years have been toward steadily increasing production while acreage has decreased even more consistently. Exceptions to the increasing production trend have been attributable to adverse weather.

North America: North American crops are up 16.8 million cwt. over 1957 led by an 8 percent increase in the United States. All countries are up except Canada where production is down 11 percent.

Europe: Early estimates for the 1958 crop indicated increased production in all countries. However, excessive rain late in the season damaged crops in Ireland, England, Northern France, and Belgium.

In Europe, potatoes are generally stored in pits, and storage losses are usually heavy. This year, with potatoes containing high moisture, losses are expected to be substantial. In many countries of northern Europe only a small proportion of the total crop is used for human consumption. Major effect of the reduced crop will be smaller supplies for starch and livestock feed.

Other areas: There are no significant changes in production in Asia or South America.

WORLD 1958-59 HOPS CROP SETS RECORD

The Foreign Agricultural Service estimates the world's 1958-59 hops crop at a record 167 million pounds. The estimate includes crops harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in the later months of 1958 and in the Southern Hemisphere in the early months of 1959. This quantity represents the harvest in the countries which before World War II accounted for over 90 percent of the world's total.

The 1958-59 estimate exceeds the previous record of 154.5 million pounds, in 1951-52, by 13 million pounds, or 8.5 percent. It is 20.6 million pounds, or 14.2 percent, larger than the 1957-58 crop, and 39.8 million pounds, or 31.2 percent, larger than the 1956-57 crop. It is 28.7 percent above the prewar 5-year average and 16.2 percent above the average of 1950-54.

Estimated production increased or will increase over 1957-58 in all but a few countries, especially in the United States, the United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia, West Germany, France, Belgium, Yugoslavia and Japan. Increases range from 331,000 pounds for Yugoslavia to 7,476,000 pounds for the United States. Percentages increases range from 5.7 for Yugoslavia to 38.9 for France.

HOPS: World average and annual production during stated periods 1/

Country	1934-38 <u>2/</u>	1950-54	1956	1957	1958
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Northern Hemisphere:					
United States	38,977	53,627	38,383	40,135	<u>3/</u> 47,611
Canada	1,612	1,928	1,445	1,301	<u>4/</u> 1,400
United Kingdom	28,023	33,400	20,627	29,979	<u>5/</u> 33,312
Czechoslovakia	20,167	10,976	10,786	10,627	<u>4/</u> 13,779
Germany, West	<u>6/</u> 20,033	28,749	31,027	32,215	<u>5/</u> 36,596
Germany, East		<u>7/</u>	<u>4/</u> 697	<u>4/</u> 1,102	<u>4/</u> 1,000
France	4,936	4,442	3,704	3,571	<u>5/</u> 4,960
Belgium	2,659	2,324	1,819	<u>4/</u> 2,745	<u>4/</u> 3,307
Spain	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>5/</u> 651	<u>5/</u> 772	<u>4/</u> 800
Poland	3,907	<u>7/</u>	<u>4/</u> 1,409	<u>4/</u> 3,183	<u>4/</u> 3,000
Yugoslavia	3,977	2,874	5,137	5,842	<u>3/</u> 6,173
U.S.S.R.	2,205	<u>7/</u>	<u>4/</u> 6,465	<u>4/</u> 8,818	<u>4/</u> 8,037
Other Europe <u>8/</u>	296	<u>7/</u>	<u>4/</u> 127	<u>4/</u> 132	<u>5/</u> 132
Japan	144	1,235	1,769	<u>3/</u> 1,815	<u>5/</u> 2,205
Total of figures shown	126,936	139,555	124,046	142,237	162,312
	1935-39	1951-55	1957	1958	1959
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Southern Hemisphere:					
Australia	2,304	3,066	2,826	<u>5/</u> 3,520	<u>4/</u> 3,700
New Zealand	875	1,002	1,004	<u>5/</u> 885	<u>4/</u> 1,000
Union of South Africa ..	<u>7/</u>	344	182	154	<u>4/</u> 185
Argentina	<u>7/</u>	149	192	245	<u>4/</u> 300
Total of figures shown	3,179	4,561	4,204	4,804	5,185
World total of figures shown	130,115	144,116	127,604	147,041	167,497

1/ Northern Hemisphere crops harvested in the fall of each year indicated are combined with the Southern Hemisphere crops harvested in the early months of the following year. 2/ From International Yearbook of Agricultural Statistics, Vol. I. Agricultural Production, Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, 1947. 3/ Preliminary. 4/ Unofficial estimate. 5/ Official estimate. 6/ Applies to prewar Germany. 7/ Not available. 8/ The 1934-38 figure is the average for the combined production of Austria, Hungary and Rumania; the annual figures represent total production for 1956 in Austria, Sweden and Switzerland, for 1957 in Austria and Switzerland, and for 1958 in Austria only.

The great increase in world hops production in 1958-59 is largely due to acreage expansion in nearly all important producing countries. An 18-percent increase over 1957-58 in hops acreage in the United States (to 33,600 acres) more than offset a small decline in per-acre yield. In Yugoslavia, the yield declined 13 percent, but the hops area rose 23 percent. In the United Kingdom and France, both area and yields were above 1957-58. Acreage in hops also significantly increased in West Germany, Belgium, Japan and other countries. Some countries, including Japan, also had more favorable weather in 1958-59.

The expansion in hops area in the important producing countries has been in response to generally rising hops prices, which, in turn, have been the result of a growing general scarcity of hops. Owing to increasing population, world beer consumption and production have been expanding in recent years and, despite a gradual general decline in the amount of hops used per barrel of beer, hops supplies have not equalled requirements.

SHORT EUROPEAN BEAN CROPS OFFSET BY LARGE NORTH AMERICAN HARVEST

Production of dry edible beans in the United States and 27 foreign countries is estimated at 92 million 100-pound bags in 1958, or about 5 percent above the 88 million a year earlier. Possibly 35 to 40 million additional bags have been produced in countries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc and Far East countries other than Japan. They are excluded from this report because of inadequate data. Total world production usually is near 130 million bags.

Even though overall production is up this year, it is down in some important areas, including both Eastern and Western Europe -- major importers and exporters of white beans.

Western Europe: The 1958 crop is smaller than last year's in 6 of the 10 reporting countries of Western Europe, and the aggregate crop is down from last year by 860,000 bags, or 6 percent. A survey of the European market in mid-1958 indicated low carryover stocks of white beans into the current marketing season. The low stocks were evidenced by high white bean prices late in the season. Prices of Chilean Arroz beans rose from \$7.90 per cwt., c.i.f. London, in January 1958 to \$10.00 in July, August, and September of 1958. Japanese Otinashi were quoted as high as \$11.25 in London in early November 1958.

Eastern Europe: Although official 1958 production figures are not available, Eastern Europe's crops are known to have suffered from drought. The 30-percent decline reported from Yugoslavia and other factors indicate that other producing countries in that general area were also affected. Traders have stated that exports from Eastern Europe may be 30 percent less this year than was expected earlier in the season. Eastern Europe has been a major source of beans for Western Europe the past 2 years as well as before World War II.

BEANS, DRY EDIBLE: Imports of 15 Western European Countries from Eastern Europe and Africa, average 1935-39, annual 1948-57

Calendar years	Africa	Eastern Europe
	1,000	1,000
	<u>100-lb. bags</u>	<u>100-lb. bags</u>
Average:		
1935-39.....	420	1,622
1948.....	2,033	233
1949.....	619	593
1950.....	636	260
1951.....	500	49
1952.....	865	23
1953.....	675	0
1954.....	743	0
1955.....	810	361
1956.....	688	788
1957.....	581	1,037

Africa: There are no official estimates of 1958 bean production in Africa but some European importers reported in mid-1958 that Africa's bean harvest was not good. This is corroborated by scattered reports from elsewhere.

Angola's January-February harvest was short and the larger May-June harvest was also expected to be short (see Foreign Agriculture Circular FFV 1-58). Wet weather and development of anthracnose are said to have severely damaged Tanganyika's crop.

In early November, a foreign newspaper commented that Ethiopian white beans were not being bought in Europe because of their high price in the Ethiopian domestic market, reflecting a shorter than normal supply there.

North and Central America: Production was up in 7 of the 10 countries in North and Central America, including the United States and Mexico, the two largest producers. The large U.S. crop assures an adequate export supply, and Mexico's good harvest foreshadows smaller exports of U.S. pinto beans to that country in 1959. Mexico estimates its import needs in 1959 at about one-third of the 650,000 bags imported in 1958. Production is still low in Cuba, however, suggesting a good import demand for U. S. beans usable in that market.

Import demand for U. S. beans in Western Europe should be strengthened because of that area's low carryover stocks, its reduced 1958 production, and because of smaller export supplies in such exporting areas as Eastern Europe and Africa.

BEANS, DRY EDIBLE: Acreage and production 1/ in specified countries
average 1950-54 annual 1956, 1957, 1958

Continent and country	Acreage				Production			
	Average	1956	1957	1958 2/	Average	1956	1957	1958 2/
	1950-54				1950-54			
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	acres	bags	bags	bags	bags
North America:								
Canada	67	66	62	67	735	688	656	842
Costa Rica	86	108	108	110	247	360	330	350
Mexico	2,463	3,319	3,163	3,212	5,841	9,524	6,834	9,700
Nicaragua	84	177	194	195	507	862	690	750
Panama	54	66	65	65	138	171	125	150
United States	1,416	1,409	1,363	1,514	15,886	17,114	15,771	18,786
Cuba	95	124	128	100	670	661	375	506
Dominican Republic	40	40	40	40	489	474	475	475
El Salvador	87	81	83	81	670	507	532	520
Guatemala	120	128	190	207	540	660	597	659
Total	4,512	5,518	5,396	5,591	25,723	31,021	26,385	32,738
Europe:								
Austria	3	2	2	1	111	36	35	37
Belgium	1	1	1	1	26	24	27	18
France	351	326	325	293	2,055	2,657	2,429	2,299
West Germany	4	4	4	4	77	71	54	58
Greece	143	150	150	157	801	1,027	918	1,037
Italy	1,130	1,048	1,017	1,050	3,153	3,342	3,355	3,848
Netherlands	12	11	10	10	243	175	160	120
Portugal	866	873	825	822	1,170	1,046	1,113	1,100
Spain	432	249	250	250	1,720	2,315	2,426	2,310
Yugoslavia	65	75	76	112	2,543	3,704	3,968	2,800
Total	3,007	2,739	2,660	2,700	11,899	14,397	14,485	13,627
South America:								
Argentina	72	61	60	60	559	450	542	510
Brazil	4,778	5,480	5,741	5,066	28,961	32,295	34,877	32,518
Chile	190	218	223	220	1,536	1,802	1,947	2,000
Colombia	217	300	300	300	1,213	1,521	1,213	1,433
Total	5,257	6,059	6,324	5,646	32,269	36,068	38,579	36,461
Asia:								
Japan	384	582	582	614	3,348	4,079	5,509	6,854
Turkey	215	262	235	280	2,166	2,866	2,535	2,425
Syria	4	4	4	4	25	20	20	15
Lebanon	20	20	20	20	115	106	100	100
Total	623	868	841	918	5,654	7,071	8,164	9,394
Total 28 countries	13,399	15,184	15,221	14,855	75,545	88,557	87,613	92,220

1/ Bags of 100 pounds. 2/ Preliminary.

Prepared and estimated on the basis of Official Statistics of foreign governments, reports of Agricultural Attaches and other U.S. representatives abroad, results of office research and other information.

WORLD CASTOR BEAN PRODUCTION DOWN;
1959 PROSPECTS MORE FAVORABLE

World production of castor beans in 1958 is estimated at almost 528,000 short tons, down 6 percent from the relatively large outturn of 1957 but slightly larger than the 1950-54 average. The outlook for 1959 appears more favorable, with indications of possible increases in India and Brazil, the major producing countries and continued expansion of some smaller producing countries.

The estimated 31,000-ton decline in 1958 from the previous year is due primarily to smaller, drought-reduced crops in Brazil and India. The smaller outturn in these 2 countries was only partially offset by increases in the United States, Ecuador, Mexico and other relatively small producers. Brazil and India normally account for 60 to 65 percent of world output and about two-thirds of world trade in castor beans and oil.

With the expansion in the United States and Mexico, North American production more than doubled that of the previous year. On the basis of trade estimates, the 1958 castor bean crop in the United States probably totaled around 30,000 tons, 3 times the volume in 1957. A crop of this size, if all crushed, should yield around 13,500 tons of oil or about one-fifth of domestic requirements. Practically all of the beans are grown under irrigation, with California accounting for nearly two-thirds of the U. S. output. The sharp increase mainly reflects the availability of harvesters along with improved varieties of castor beans. The average yield per acre in 1958 is placed at 2,075 pounds compared with 1,680 a year earlier. The United States is the world's leading importer and consumer of castor beans and oil.

Mexico's 1958 crop is substantially larger than last year's, apparently because acreage increased one-fourth. Forecasts for 1959 production are for increases in castor beans as well as all other oilseed crops.

South American castor bean production dropped an estimated 9 percent from last year as a result of the sharp decline in Brazil. Production in Brazil was set back by drought in the Northeastern states. Unofficial estimates place the 1958 crop at about 190,000 tons, compared with the official estimate for 1957 of 213,000 tons. (Trade sources estimate 1957 production at about 254,000 tons). Indications as of late October were that production in 1959 would increase significantly. Unofficially, the crop was forecast at around 250,000 tons. However, trade sources in Brazil indicate that farmers in Bahia and Sao Paulo, the major producing states, are not enthusiastic about planting castor beans for the next crop because of the lower price structure. (The height of the planting season is from November through December).

Castor bean exports from Brazil during the first half of 1958 were double the tonnage shipped in the comparable period of 1957 while oil exports were up 50 percent. Roughly half of Brazil's castor bean exports and 60 to 70 percent of the oil exports went to the United States.

CASTOR BEANS: Production in specified countries and the world,
averages 1935-39 and 1950-54, annual 1954-58

Continent and country	Average		1954	1955	1956	1957 1/	1958 1/
	1935-39	1950-54					
	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
North America:							
Mexico.....	2,770:	2,976:	3,330:	3,045:	3,085:	5,500:	7,700
United States 2/.....	---:3/	13,449:	5,400:4/	1,700:4/	1,880:4/	10,160:4/	30,000
Haiti 5/.....	3/ 700:	3,999:	2,704:	2,101:	2,639:	2,509:	---
Estimated total 6/.....	3,705:	21,120:	12,105:	7,350:	8,045:	18,500:	40,535
South America:							
Argentina.....	8,800:	3,229:	5,110:	2,730:	---	---	---
Brazil.....	147,995:	187,414:	187,255:	180,775:	177,000:	213,000:	190,000
Colombia.....	3/ 785:	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ecuador.....	3/ 7/ 29:7/	7,181:	23,325:	17,190:	18,025:	11,825:	14,880
Paraguay.....	3/ 3,275:8/	1,400:	8/ 887:	8/ 367:	8/ 576:8/	1,527:	---
Estimated total 6/.....	160,885:	203,525:	219,875:	206,160:	204,700:	235,450:	214,480
Europe:							
Italy.....	3/ 3,790:	787:	520:	215:	165:	145:	---
Rumania.....	638:	2,226:	2,975:	3,300:	7,700:	---	---
Yugoslavia.....	490:	1,788:	3,000:	2,240:	695:	4,500:	4,400
Estimated total 6/.....	7,165:	7,300:	8,615:	7,875:	12,180:	15,165:	15,070
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia).....	117,745:	---	---	---	---	---	---
Africa:							
Ethiopia and Eritrea.....	---	10,730:	11,000:	16,500:	16,500:	13,000:	---
Angola 9/.....	4,525:	6,486:	4,318:	5,909:	788:	3,698:	---
Belgian Congo & Ruanda Urundi 9/	6:	2,291:	1,670:	1,220:	1,262:	1,720:	1,760
French West Africa 7/.....	1,194:	912:	862:	890:	558:	581:	---
Kenya 7/.....	---	4,020:	7,019:	5,492:	3,868:	4,845:	---
Madagascar.....	3,440:3/	2,670:7/	1,306:7/	1,263:	7/ 987:7/	1,368:	---
Mozambique 9/.....	1,750:	2,950:	3,920:	1,950:	3,490:	2,049:	---
Tanganyika 7/.....	3/ 9:	9,986:	10,762:	8,814:	13,454:	15,561:	---
Uganda 7/.....	---	9,078:	8,536:	3,749:	2,066:	1,968:	---
Union of South Africa.....	---	3,330:	4,000:	4,200:	---	14,000:	---
Estimated total 6/.....	13,680:	56,075:	57,465:	54,010:	53,000:	63,735:	61,830
Asia:							
Iran.....	7/ 180:	8,270:	8,270:	12,125:	12,675:	13,200:	13,775
China, Mainland.....	10/26,800:	---	---	---	---	---	---
India.....	11/127,456:	120,960:	115,360:	138,880:	138,880:	138,880:	108,640
Indonesia.....	7/ 6,500:	6,000:	7,000:	7,000:	6,000:	4,000:	---
Korea, South.....	3/12/1,425:	1,245:	1,153:	1,158:	1,554:	1,169:	---
Pakistan.....	11/ : 3/ 560:	---	---	---	---	---	---
Thailand.....	---	7/ 16,090:7/	15,881:7/	14,905:	26,400:	35,800:	---
Estimated total 6/.....	170,755:	181,780:	176,955:	203,360:	214,800:	222,340:	191,855
Estimated world total 6/....	473,935:	518,800:	507,015:	494,755:	496,725:	559,190:	527,770

1/ Preliminary. 2/ For the years shown, no commercial production other than for planting purposes except in the years beginning with 1951. 3/ Less than 5 years. 4/ Estimate submitted by the Baker Castor Oil Company. 5/ Exports of castor beans beginning with 1950. Year ending September 30. 6/ Includes estimates for the above countries for which data are not available and for minor producing countries.

7/ Exports of castor beans. 8/ Imports into the United States of beans and oil, bean basis. 9/ Exports of beans and oil, bean basis. 10/ Partly estimated. 11/ Figures for India include Pakistan.

12/ Includes North Korea.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Prepared or estimated on the basis of official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source material, reports of U.S. Agricultural Attaches and other U.S. representatives abroad, and related information. Prewar estimates for countries having changed boundaries have been adjusted to conform to present boundaries.

Castor production in Ecuador, the second largest South American producer, increased from 1957 by one-fourth.

The relatively small output in Europe, where Rumania is the major producer, probably did not change greatly in 1958. On the basis of official estimates of castor bean acreage which dropped from 497,000 acres in 1950 to 27,000 acres in the Soviet Union in 1956, production apparently is down sharply to only a fraction of prewar output.

Many countries in Africa produce relatively few castor beans. Since much of the crop is harvested from wild plants, output and exports are very responsive to changes in market prices. Production estimates for most countries are not available and output must be judged largely by exports. Castor bean production reportedly is increasing in the Transvaal Province of the Union of South Africa where practically all of the Union's crop is produced. The increase is due primarily to guaranteed minimum prices for the last 2 seasons and to farmer's learning that the beans will grow well with low rainfall. Unofficial estimates indicate that current production is about 15,000 tons of beans per year.

With the sharp drop in Indian production, total output in Asia is down an estimated 14 percent in 1958. India's crop is reported at 108,640 tons, one-fifth less than the stable harvests of the 3 previous years. Adverse weather accounted for the decreased acreage and production. The Government of India has a program to encourage the production of castor beans on uncultivated areas in order to expand output for export. While the program has not yet been widely adopted, it may become more popular in future years. The 1959 crop, which will be harvested early next year, is expected to approximate the annual level of 1955-57.

Castor oil exports from India (bean exports were prohibited until August 30) during January - June 1958 were less than one-third the shipments in the corresponding months last year. While the United States took 40 percent of the total castor oil exported from India in 1957, this country had not imported any Indian oil in the first 8 months of this year.

Insufficient information is available for Mainland China to estimate whether there has been any material change in production in recent years.

In Thailand production of castor beans, as well as other oilseed crops, has trended upward in recent years. With prospects for continued increases castor production in 1958 probably approximated the 36,000-ton output of 1957. Production in Iraq has averaged about 13,000 tons in recent years.

WORLD RAPESEED PRODUCTION CONTINUES UPWARD

World production of rapeseed has been trending upward in recent years and present indications are that the 1959 crop may be slightly larger than the 4.07 million short tons produced this year. An increased output is expected in Asia--presently accounting for about three-fourths of the world's production--which will more than offset possible declines in Europe and Canada.

Although relatively unimportant in world trade, rapeseed provides about 10 percent of the world's edible oils. Also, the size of the rapeseed crop in Western Europe determines--to a limited extent--the quantities of edible oils imported into that major market each year.

World production of rapeseed in 1958 increased 3 percent from 1957 and was one-fourth greater than the 1950-54 average outturn. In spite of the upward trend in recent years, production this year was slightly below the prewar level of 4.2 million tons.

In North America rapeseed production was down slightly as a result of a small decline in the Canadian crop from the record output of 1957. A much larger area was planted this year and early indications were that the phenomenal rise in production which occurred in 1956 and 1957 would continue in 1958. However, dry weather during the growing season sharply reduced yields.

Mexico harvests approximately the same quantity of rapeseed each year, mostly from wild plants. Estimates of the U. S. rapeseed crop were not available for this summary, but conditions were favorable and the crop possibly equalled that of 1957 which was the second largest crop ever harvested.

Production of rapeseed in South America -- confined almost entirely to Chile and Argentina -- is estimated at 20,000 tons in 1958, an increase of more than 10 percent from 1957, and almost 10 times the quantity produced in 1950-54. Although no recent estimates are available for Argentina, indications are that the crop is increasing.

Earlier this year Western Europe appeared to be headed for a record rapeseed crop from the largest acreage ever planted. However, adverse weather reduced yields in the 3 major producing countries--France, Sweden, and West Germany--resulting in a final outturn about 15 percent below 1957. French rapeseed production was reduced almost one-half from earlier estimates as a result of shattering just prior to the harvest. Sweden had severe cold weather which materially reduced yields, resulting in a crop of 120,000 tons compared with earlier forecasts of more than 200,000 tons. Rapeseed acreage in West Germany was one-fourth larger in 1958 than in the previous year, but adverse weather at harvest sharply reduced yields. The only countries showing sizable increases were Finland and Switzerland--both relatively minor producers.

No crop estimates are available for Eastern Europe, but indications are that the crop was at least equal to that of 1957.

Rapeseed production in Asia in 1958 was about 6 percent above 1957, but was almost a million tons below the prewar level. Production on the Chinese Mainland, although up some 40 percent from 1957, is around 1.3 million tons below the prewar output. Production in the other producing countries of Asia is substantially above the 1935-39 output.

Indian rapeseed (including mustard seed) production was down almost 15 percent in 1958. Dry weather early in the season sharply curtailed the area planted. Pakistan production was also reduced because of dry weather. A late cold spell reduced the Japanese rapeseed crop this year by about 10 percent.

RAPESEED: Production by specified country and estimated world total, averages 1935-39 and 1950-54, annual 1954-58 1/

Countries	Average		1954	1955	1956	1957 <u>2/</u>	1958 <u>4/</u>
	1935-39:	1950-54:					
North America:	1,000 short tons						
Canada.....	7.8:	14.4:	38.9:	150.2:	216.5:	211.5	
Mexico.....	1.1:	6.2:	6.6:	7.9:	8.8:	8.8:	8.8
United States.....	---	.2:	.1:	1.8:	1.0:	4.7:	---
Total.....	1.1:	14.2:	21.1:	48.6:	160.0:	230.0:	225.3
South America:							
Argentina.....	37.3:	1.4:	.4:	---	---	---	---
Chile.....	1.0:	1.4:	.1:	.8:	13.9:	12.1:	---
Total.....	38.3:	2.8:	.5:	1.2:	14.3:	17.1:	20.0
Europe:							
Austria.....	1.8:	7.1:	7.1:	10.1:	10.4:	9.8:	9.7
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	.1:	3.2:	1.5:	1.4:	1.9:	2.1:	---
Denmark.....	---	14.3:	11.7:	3.2:	1.9:	2.5:	---
Finland.....	---	12.8:	14.8:	19.8:	10.8:	5.9:	14.5
France.....	12.5:	153.8:	96.8:	117.5:	89.1:	163.2:	162.4
Germany, West.....	<u>3/</u> 102.4:	59.5:	16.9:	23.2:	42.8:	74.4:	64.6
Italy.....	<u>4/</u> 2.2:	12.3:	8.0:	11.3:	7.1:	11.3:	---
Netherlands.....	4.2:	23.6:	18.3:	20.7:	28.1:	18.3:	10.0
Sweden.....	---	174.6:	171.2:	151.3:	25.9:	183.2:	121.8
Switzerland.....	---	6.3:	6.7:	---	---	5.5:	9.4
Total West Europe.....	123.2:	467.5:	353.0:	365.2:	224.0:	476.2:	440.0
Rumania.....	50.3:	7.1:	7.4:	10.7:	8.3:	---	---
Yugoslavia.....	12.4:	7.2:	2.9:	9.3:	5.1:	3.3:	7.9
Total East Europe (Incl:							
U.S.S.R. in Europe and							
Asia) <u>5/</u>	172.6:	306.1:	285.5:	458.8:	346.4:	420.0:	430.0
Total Europe.....	295.8:	773.6:	638.5:	824.0:	570.4:	896.2:	840.0
Total Africa.....	---	20.0:	20.0:	20.0:	20.0:	20.0:	20.0
Asia:							
China, Mainland.....	2,620.0:	<u>4/</u> 988.0:	967.8:	1,068.1:	1,020.0:	970.0:	1,325.0
India.....	1,124.7:	934.8:	961.0:	1,141.3:	947.5:	1,149.1:	1,013.6
Japan.....	134.8:	240.0:	242.2:	297.1:	353.0:	315.5:	293.5
Pakistan.....	<u>6/</u> :	294.8:	304.6:	356.2:	352.8:	349.4:	329.3
Turkey (Europe and Asia).....	<u>4/</u> .2:	3.1:	1.7:	1.9:	.9:	2.0:	---
Total <u>5/</u>	3,881.0:	2,462.3:	2,478.7:	2,868.5:	2,675.9:	2,787.7:	2,964.7
Total World.....	4,216.2:	3,272.9:	3,158.8:	3,762.3:	3,440.6:	3,951.0:	4,072.0

1/ Includes mustard seed in areas where rapeseed and mustard seed are not separately reported. Harvest of rapeseed occurs early in the calendar year given in all major producing countries except Canada. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Prewar Germany. 4/ Average of less than 5 years. 5/ Includes estimates for countries where figures are not available. 6/ Included with India.

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MANY CROPS SET NEW WORLD RECORDS FOR 1958-59

Unusually favorable weather in nearly all areas resulted in record output for many crops in 1958-59. Several important producing countries, mainly the United States, U.S.S.R. and Communist China reported total crop production considerably above previous records. Most other areas reported generally good crops with only parts of West Asia and Eastern Europe having a total crop output materially below 1957-58.

The record output of 1958-59 follows relatively good crop production in 1956-57 and 1957-58. In all 3 of these years production of several essential foods on a per-capita basis has been above both the prewar and the 1950-54 average. As a result, in spite of high world per capita consumption of foods generally large stocks of wheat, rice, and feed grains as well as of several less essential food products have accumulated and even larger stocks are likely at the end of the 1958-59 season.

While the world's population has increased nearly 30 percent since prewar and about 10 percent since 1950-54 the production of many important crops has increased much more. Wheat production in 1958-59 was 43 percent above prewar and 25 percent above 1950-54. Increases in centrifugal sugar have been even more pronounced, amounting to 83 percent and 32 percent, respectively, above prewar and 1950-54. Soybeans have shown the greatest increase in the fats and oils category, 1958-59 output being 112 percent above prewar and 44 percent above for 1950-54, and the output of peanuts, cottonseed, olive oil, palm oil, and palm kernels have about kept pace with the increases in population, providing liberal supplies of edible vegetable oils. Rice production has increased significantly despite the slow improvement in several Far East countries. In 1958-59 it was 27 percent above prewar and 20 percent above 1950-54.

The marked increase in wheat to 8.7 billion bushels this year, compared with the previous record of 7.8 billion in 1956-57, resulted largely from unusually high yields in the United States, U.S.S.R. and Communist China. The Western European wheat crops were slightly below the 1957 record as adverse weather during harvest reduced production and lowered the quality.

The sharp increase in rice production in 1958-59 was due largely to the record crop in Mainland China. Production in the rest of the world exceeds that of last year but may not reach the 1956-57 record. Consumption this year is not likely to increase as much as production as larger crops and foreign exchange difficulties in importing countries and the relatively low prices of other cereals may prevent any marked increase in the volume of world trade despite larger supplies in exporting countries.

World feed grain production in 1958-59 is also a new record, mainly because of an unprecedented corn crop and marked expansion in grain sorghums production in the United States. Favorable livestock feed price ratios are encouraging expansion in livestock production but world feed grain output this year is considerably in excess of probable consumption, even allowing for a relatively high level of world trade.

World Production of Selected Crops, Averages 1935-39, 1950-54, Annual 1956/57-58/59

Crop	Unit	Average 1935-39	Average 1950-54	1956-57	1957-58	Forecast 1958-59
Wheat	:Mil. bu.	: 6,102	: 6,970	: 7,790	: 7,640	: 8,710
Rye	:Mil. bu.	: 1,732	: 1,455	: 1,405	: 1,415	: 1,470
Rice, rough	:Mil. cwt.	: 3,706	: 3,940	: 4,397	: 4,248	: 4,712
Sugar, centrifugal	:Mil. s.t.	: 28.5	: 39.1	: 45.8	: 49.7	: 52.2
Sugar, noncentrifugal	:Mil. s.t.	: 6.2	: 6.9	: 7.9	: 7.7	: 7.7
Corn	:Mil. bu.	: 4,775	: 5,650	: 6,570	: 6,550	: 7,100
Oats	:Mil. bu.	: 4,364	: 4,155	: 4,255	: 3,995	: 4,160
Barley	:Mil. bu.	: 2,377	: 2,690	: 3,370	: 3,155	: 3,230
Dry beans	:Mil. cwt.	: 60.9	: 75.5	: 88.5	: 87.6	: 92.2
Potatoes <u>1/</u>	:Mil. cwt.	: 3,282	: 3,306	: 3,698	: 3,524	: 3,375
Apples and pears <u>2/</u>	:Mil. bu.	: 579	: 478	: 515	: 367	: 565
Fruits, citrus	:Mil. s.t.	: 9.8	: 14.7	: 15.1	: 14.7	: 15.2
Flaxseed	:Mil. bu.	: 135	: 121	: 168	: 127	: 140
Soybeans	:Mil. bu.	: 464	: 682	: 849	: 877	: 984
Peanuts	:Mil. s.t.	: 9.6	: 11.6	: 14.0	: 14.7	: 15.5
Cottonseed	:Mil. s.t.	: 15.3	: 17.9	: 20.0	: 19.9	: 20.8
Olive oil	:Thou. s.t.	: 975	: 1,079	: 1,178	: 1,201	: 1,095
Palm oil	:Thou. s.t.	: 1,090	: 1,280	: 1,380	: 1,375	: 1,395
Palm kernel oil	:Thou. s.t.	: 400	: 440	: 480	: 440	: 455
Coconut oil	:Thou. s.t.	: 2,135	: 2,085	: 2,400	: 2,375	: 2,150
Sesame seed	:Thou. s.t.	: 1,793	: 1,930	: 1,565	: 1,515	: 1,540
Castor beans	:Thou. s.t.	: 474	: 519	: 497	: 559	: 528
Sunflower seed	:Thou. s.t.	: 2,785	: 3,940	: 5,995	: 5,150	: 5,975
Rapeseed	:Thou. s.t.	: 4,216	: 3,260	: 3,430	: 3,935	: 4,170
Cotton	:Mil. bales	: 31.7	: 37.2	: 41.3	: 40.2	: 42.3
Tobacco	:Mil. lbs.	: 6,619	: 7,811	: 8,678	: 8,608	: 8,263
Jute	:Mil. lbs.	: 3,422	: 3,885	: 4,619	: 4,245	: 4,430
Sisal	:Mil. lbs.	: 507	: 816	: 1,118	: 1,123	: 1,125
Henequen	:Mil. lbs.	: 247	: 254	: 275	: 273	: 273
Abaca	:Mil. lbs.	: 387	: 280	: 290	: 281	: 230
Hops	:Mil. lbs.	: 130	: 144	: 128	: 147	: 167
Coffee	:Mil. 60-kg. bag	: 41.6	: 41.0	: 45.2	: 53.4	: 59.2
Tea	:Mil. lbs.	: 994	: 1,318	: 1,524	: 1,567	: 1,612
Cacao	:Mil. lbs.	: 1,581	: 1,667	: 2,020	: 1,748	: 1,898

NOTE: For fats, oils, and oilseeds, tobacco, and hard fibers, the data relate to the calendar year of the first year shown. For other crops, harvests in Northern Hemisphere in the first year shown are combined with those in the Southern Hemisphere which immediately follow.

1/ 30 countries.

2/ Dessert and cooking in 20 countries.

Both production and consumption of centrifugal sugar are increasing on a per-capita basis, and despite an 83 percent increase in production in comparison with prewar, sugar supplies are not burdensome and prices are rising.

Coffee production also has expanded rapidly in the past 2 years due largely to favorable crop conditions in Brazil. Large stocks are accumulating in exporting countries. Tea production has increased more slowly but was at record levels in 1958. Cacao production also expanded in 1957-58 and 1958-59 but did not reach the record 1956-57 output.

Deciduous fruit production in 1958 was up sharply from 1957 because of record crops in Europe. Citrus crops are larger than last year in Mediterranean countries, and some increase in production is also expected in the United States. World supplies of dried fruits, however, are much below average this season, mainly because of unusually small packs in the United States.

Production of major industrial crops, (industrial oils, fibers, tobacco, and hops) have not shown as large percentage increases as the main food and feed crops in recent years. Industrial vegetable oil production, estimated at 1.5 billion pounds for 1958 is about 5 percent below prewar and only 2 percent above the 1950-54 average. However, it is expected to increase appreciably in 1959 because of the sharp increase in 1958-59 flaxseed production, mainly in the United States.

The expansion in cotton production since prewar has about kept pace with the increases in population and while the 1958-59 crop was 2.1 million bales above a year earlier it was still below the record output of 1955-56. Hops production has increased sharply in the past 2 years in response to rapid price rises, but supplies are still short and prices are above the average of recent years.

Tobacco was the only major crop to show a significant decline from 1957 to 1958. World output in 1958, at 8.3 billion pounds, was 4 percent below a year earlier and 5 percent below the record harvest of 1956-57. Production of flue-cured, and other light air cured tobacco in 1958 was slightly above production in 1957 but oriental and semi-oriental types declined nearly 15 percent from the record 1957 crop and there were moderate declines in other types.

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION AGAIN TO EXCEED 1 MILLION TONS

Mediterranean Basin production of olive oil for the third consecutive season is expected to exceed 1 million short tons ^{1/}. While the forecast for 1958-59 represents a decline of 8 percent from 1957-58, the quantity exceeds the 4-year 1954-57 average by almost 3 percent and the 5-year 1935-39 average by almost 12 percent. The 1.2 million tons estimated for 1957-58 is a revision upward of 9 percent from the previous estimate of April 17, 1958.

^{1/} More than 95 percent of the world's olive oil is produced in the Mediterranean Basin. The olive oil production and trade discussed cover all production from crushing, including non-commercial output, but not surplus or foots oil extracted from olive residue by solvent methods.

European olive oil production is forecast at 777,000 short tons, about 24 percent less than the current estimate for 1957-58. European output for last year is revised to 1,025,500 tons, or 12 percent higher than the last estimate for 1957-58, primarily because of the sizable revision in Italy's production figure.

With respect to 1958-59, the downturn in European production was expected as a normal yield fluctuation in the biennial cycle for olive trees. However, the biennial decline was accentuated by adverse weather reported for Europe chiefly after August of this year. The drop in European output will be partially offset by the expected rise in olive oil yields for Africa and the Middle East, which areas are enjoying a good year as opposed to the off-year in Europe.

The sizable Mediterranean Basin olive oil output, with enlarged carryovers in Europe, point to a total olive oil supply this season which equals that of 1957-58. On the other hand, unlike the situation in 1957-58, a larger quantity of olive oil this season is in Tunisia and Morocco. These net exporters have provided a buffer against sizable surpluses through bilateral trade agreements concluded during the last year with almost every non-producing country of Europe, including Eastern Europe, and with the U.S.S.R. and Communist China. In most cases, olive oil is listed in the agreements among the commodities to be exported from Tunisia and Morocco. If these agreements are effective in moving olive oil during 1958-59, net exports from North Africa will increase, while Italy, Portugal and Greece reduce their olive oil inventories during a short crop year.

The disastrous results of the heavy freeze of 1956 are still having an adverse effect on the olive oil production of France. Some recovery of existing trees is indicated by the latest estimates of 5,000 tons for 1957-58 and 6,000 tons for 1958-59. However, despite the current government subsidy for replanting, it is estimated that the total number of olive trees in France will never again reach the total 11 million planted prior to the freeze.

The olive oil outturn of Greece is forecast at 117,000 short tons, or 35 percent below 1957-58. The smaller crop this year is attributed basically to the biennial production cycle of the olive tree. However, limited rainfall during 1958, with high summer temperatures, also affected the crop. The quality of 1958-59 olive oil appears to be good since very limited dacus fly attacks have been reported and no other factors influenced quality except on the island of Corfu where the scale insect *Saassetia oleae* caused damage.

The output of Italy for 1958-59 is estimated at 220,000 short tons, or 37 percent under the estimated 350,000 tons for 1957-58. Last year's production indicates that Italy's olive trees have recovered from the frost damage of a few years ago. The decline this season reflects largely the "off-year" cycle, although pre-harvest dropping of olives has been reported in some areas, as well as olive fly damage. Estimates for 1958-59 have been as low as 165,000 tons and as high as 250,000 tons since September.

OLIVE OIL 1/: Mediterranean Basin, estimated production,
averages 1935/36-1939/40, 1950/51-1953/54, and 1954/55-1957/58;
annual 1955/56-1958/59

Country	5 yr. average		4 yr. average		Annual			
	1,000	Short tons	1,000	Short tons	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59
Europe:								
France.....	8.0		10.3		7.0	3.5	5.0	6.0
Greece.....	131.5		112.3		115.0	158.5	180.5	117.0
Italy.....	256.0		297.5		200.0	190.5	350.0	220.0
Portugal.....	64.0		88.2		75.0	102.5	110.0	80.0
Spain.....	357.4		393.0		290.0	420.0	375.0	350.0
Yugoslavia.....	5.9		1.9		.7	4.2	5.0	4.0
Total.....	822.8		903.2		687.7	879.2	1,025.5	777.0
Middle East:								
Israel.....	7.0		1.4		.6	4.5	1.0	1.5
Syria.....	12.5		5.6		4.4	8.2	4.4	7.2
Lebanon.....			8.3		3.8	15.0	3.3	10.0
Turkey.....	44.0		47.5		38.3	84.5	37.4	85.0
Total.....	63.5		62.8		47.1	112.2	46.1	103.7
Africa:								
Algeria.....	20.0		26.4		20.0	29.0	25.0	28.0
Morocco 5/.....	10.3		18.0		15.0	38.0	10.0	35.0
Tunisia.....	49.3		55.6		24.0	100.0	49.5	132.0
Libya.....	2.6		6.4		3.7	3.0	22.0	4.5
Total.....	82.2		106.4		62.7	170.0	106.5	199.5
Total Mediterranean...	968.5		1,072.4		797.5	1,161.4	1,178.1	1,080.2

1/ Total oil pressed in marketing season beginning October of year shown; excludes oil extracted from residue.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Average of less than 5 years. 4/ Territory formerly known as Palestine. 5/ Figures refer only to territory formerly known as French Morocco.

Olive oil output in Portugal for 1958-59 is estimated to be one-fourth below 1957-58. Dry weather, the dacus fly and other adverse conditions, principally in the south, are reported to have caused many olives to fall prematurely. Production estimates in the last month have ranged between 60,000 and 100,000 tons.

In Spain the crop is reported down for the second consecutive year. A cold wave in April was followed by summer drought and dropping of olives in all areas. Dacus fly damage is reported as moderate and the quality of olive oil being produced is expected to be good.

The Middle East olive oil producers are experiencing an up-year in the biennial cycle of yield fluctuation and production estimates for 1958-59 exceed those for 1957-58 for each producer. In the case of Turkey, the biennial increase of production this season was limited somewhat by weather, and improper orchard management. The up-year is evident also for Africa in each producing country other than Libya. This latter country has had a severe drought since March and serious losses to the current crop have been reported. At the same time Tunisia has reported a record crop with estimates being as high as 145,000 short tons for 1958-59. It is believed that Tunisia will have available for export 95,000 tons after supplying domestic requirements.

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